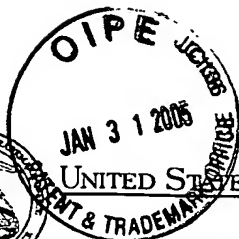


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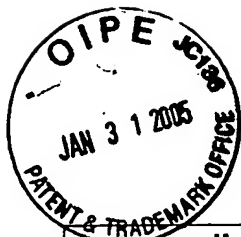
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated January 6, 2005 in the above-identified application;
- ☒ Copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional);
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Small Entity Status:

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

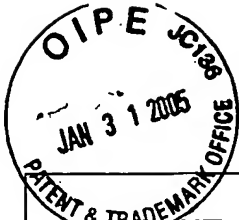
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY
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Sir:

A second notice of incomplete reply, mailed January 6, 2005, has been received. In applicant's reply, dated June 8, 2004, to the first notice, it was pointed out that Robert D. Walker was removed from the original application by a preliminary amendment mailed July 23, 2003, and that Mr. Walker never did sign the application or the declaration. However, it was not pointed out that in the present application, Robert Walker is not listed as an inventor in the paragraph on the first page of the application. Thus, his name on the declaration is of no significance. The parent case, with Mr. Walker absent from it, has issued as patent number 6,769,248. Other of the divisionals have been accepted without the signature of Mr. Walker, which would, under the circumstances of his not being named as an inventor, be meaningless.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the application be accepted as it stands.

Respectfully submitted,

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